

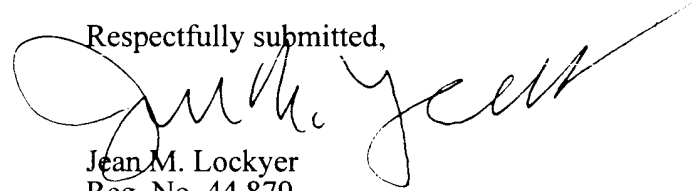
development and financing efforts to maintain the viability of the company and to thereby support development of the subject technology.

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CONCLUSION

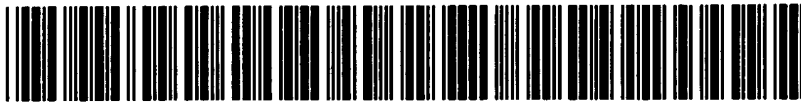
In view of the foregoing statement establishing that the present invention relates to biotechnology filed by applicants who are small entities, Applicants respectfully request that this petition be granted. If a telephone conference would expedite consideration of this matter in any way, please call the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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